Building of berths at ports by private sector

1970. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Private Sector has not responded to the Government's invitation, for building of berths and creation of handling facilities at the ports; and

(b) if so, what concessions were offered to the private sector for its participation in the port modernisation work and what has been their response and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In order to ascertain whether private parties are prepared to invest in the setting up of a container berth at Haldia a tender was floated offering the following concessions to the entrepreneurs:—

(i) Necessary land on the water front would be made available on long term lease in case the entrepreneur finances the entire expenditure on constructing the berth, superstructure, other infrastructure and cargo handling facilities.

(ii) in case of foreign equity capital 40 per cent of total investment would be permitted.

(iii) In case of investment by Non-Resident Indians, equity investment upto 74 per cent and upto 40 per cent would be permitted for investment on non repatriable and repatriable basis respectively.

(iv) Private entrepreneur would be free to manage his operations but would be governed by overall policies and directions issued by Government of India from time to time including ceiling limit on charges leviable.

Some offers have been received to this tender by the Calcutta Port Trust. Government's decision would be given after receipt of recommendation from the Port.

Setting up of National Literacy Mission Authority Council

1971. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Literacy Mission Authority Council has been set up by Government;

(b) if so, who are the members of the council and what were the criteria of selecting members and the functions and objectives of this council; and

(c) whether it is a fact that no representatives from political parties is appointed to the council; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the members of the Council of the National Literacy Mission Authority (NLMA) is attached (*See* below).

National Literacy Mission (NLM) which aims at imparting functional literacy to 80 million illiterate persons in 15-35 age group—30 million by 1990 and an additional 50 million by 1995—is one of the five Technology Missions. NLM also aims to harness the advances in Science and Technology and of communication and pedagogical sciences, for the benefit of the deprived sections of society.